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Free Rapid Covid-19 Tests Kits Available

Columbus, MT — Beginning Wednesday, January 19, Americans will have free access to Covid-19 at-home testing kits. The Biden Administration announced late last week, that nearly one billion at-home test kits will be purchased and readily available to the general population, free of charge.

There are nine at-home test kits available. The Biden Administration supports public health experts and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendation that Americans use at-home tests if they begin to have symptoms, at least five days after coming in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or are gathering indoors with a group of people who are at risk of severe disease or unvaccinated.

This program will allow four free tests to be requested per residential address. Beginning on January 19, at-home test kits can be ordered by going to www.covidtests.gov. Once tests have been ordered, they will be shipped at no charge within 7-12 days.

“In addition to readily available at-home kits, The Biden Administration is also improving access to COVID-19 testing in schools, launching a free call line for faster support, increasing accessibility to our hardest-hit and highest-risk communities, standing up additional free testing sites, and expanding overall number of testing supplies,” says new Public Health Nurse, Tina Robinson, RN. “The Omnicron variant seems to be less severe than Delta for much of our population, but we must continue to work together, protect each other, and take precautions any way we can to avoid the spread. Testing if you feel like you may have been exposed is a great defense.”

If you have COVID-19 related questions, please contact the Public Health Office at 322.1000.

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